

## Message Text

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VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, GW

SUBJECT: MBFR DATA: TANK FIGURES

REF: STATE 216222

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF WIECK, EMBOFF FORCEFULLY ADVANCED THE ARGUMENTATION IN REFTEL PARAS 2 AND 3 WITH ADMIRAL TREBESCH (CHIEF, MILITARY POLICY AND PLANS) AND ADMIRAL STEINHAUS (ACTING CHIEF - POLICY PLANNING STAFF). BESIDES SPECIFIC ARGUMENTS IN PARA 3, EMBOFF SAID U.S. FAILED TO UNDERSTAND BASIS OR RATIONALE FOR FRG ESTIMATE OF 20,000 WP TANKS AND WASHINGTON STRONGLY HOPED FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OF DATA PROBLEM SO THAT ALLIES COULD U.S.E 15,500 WP TANK FIGURE WITH THE EAST IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND WITH THE PRESS AS NEEDED. EMBOFF STRESSED THAT TIME WAS OF THE ESSENCE GIVEN DEVELOPMENT OF MBFR THEMES DUE TO COMMENCE NEXT WEEK IN VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS.

2. TREBESCH AND STEINHAUS SAID THEY UNDERSTAND "POLITICAL CHARACTER" OF THE MESSAGE AND WOULD DO THEIR BEST TO BE BACK TO US THIS WEEKEND OR BY EARLY  
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MONDAY AT THE LATEST.

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